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(54) MANUFACTURING OF SAMARIUM ION-CONTAINING GLASS

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To produce a Sm<sup>2+</sup>-containing silicate glass excellent in weather resistance (chemical durability) and capable of exhibiting strong PHB phenomenon with excellent reproducibility through the improvement of f-f transition efficiency.

CONSTITUTION: An alumino-silicate glass precursor containing Sm<sup>3+</sup> ion is vitrified by subjecting it to a heat treatment in a reducing atmosphere. In this process, the Sm<sup>3+</sup> ion is reduced to Sm<sup>2+</sup> ion and a Sm<sup>2+</sup> ion-containing alumino- silicate glass is obtained.

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